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HE WILL BE THE OCCULT RESEARCH CLUB'S ADVISER FROM NOW ON.

# LIFE.50: NEW LIFE & SPECIAL LIFE

HUH...?

JUST CALL ME "AZAZEL-SENSEI."

HEY!

GASHA

GASHA (CLANK)

HUH? DIDN'T YOU LOSE AN ARM...?

GOT A SPECIAL PROS-THETIC.

GU (GRAB)

WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?

BASHU (FWOOSH)

MY PUNCHES HIT LIKE MISSILES NOW. ♪

UWAAAH!

GUI (CLOSE)

GUI

AND YOU AGREED BASED ON THAT?

HE'S QUITE KNOWLEDGE-ABLE, AND SIRZECHS-SAMA SAID HE'D BE PERFECT FOR THE ROLE.

YOU SOLD US OUT, HUH...?

SA (STEP)

SA

MY BIG SISTER WILL SHOW UP INSTEAD IF YOU REFUSE ...

...BUT ANYWAY, GOOD LUCK.

...ESPECIALLY THE VANISHING DRAGON, VARY. HE'S DEFINITELY GONNA COME FOR YOU AND YOUR WELSH DRAGON, ISSEI HYOUDOU.

GI (CREAK)

LISTEN UP.

YOU GUYS ARE GONNA WORK FOR ME TO STOP THOSE KHAOS BRIGADE FREAKS...

THAT'S MY DESK...

DID YOU LEARN SOMETHING ABOUT THE KHAOS BRIGADE?

THAT'S WHERE A GENIUS AND SACRED GEAR EXPERT LIKE ME COMES IN. I'M GONNA HELP TRAIN YOU.

YOU GUYS ARE NO MATCH FOR HIM AS YOU ARE NOW THOUGH.

NOW THAT THE THREE POWERS ARE WORKING TOGETHER, THOSE GUYS WOULD HAVE A HARD TIME TRYING ANYTHING.

YOU COULD SAY BOTH SIDES ARE IN A PREPA-RATORY PHASE AT THE MOMENT.

VARY IS APPARENTLY WORKING WITH A NUMBER OF THEIR TEAMS. IT'S LIKELY THAT BIKOU IS TOO.

YOU THINK THEY'RE GONNA ATTACK US HERE AGAIN?

...HE ALSO WENT EASY ON YOU. IF HE HADN'T, YOU'D BE DEAD RIGHT NOW.

PART OF WHY YOU HELD YOUR OWN AGAINST VARY LAST TIME WAS THE GREAT SYNERGY BETWEEN ASCALON AND YOUR BOOSTED GEAR, BUT...

ON THAT NOTE, HAVE YOU MANAGED TO USE THE WHITE DRAGON EMPEROR'S POWER YOU ABSORBED SINCE THEN?

NO... IT ISN'T WORKING AT ALL.

HUH?

TAN (TMP)

SO IF BIKOU HADN'T INTERVENED LIKE THAT...

FIRST, YOU GOTTA PERFECT THAT BALANCE BREAKER FORM.

IF YOU WANNA WIELD THAT TREMENDOUS STRENGTH IN RATING GAMES GOING FORWARD, YOU'LL NEED TO STABILIZE THE RED DRAGON EMPEROR'S POWER.

I CAN'T EVEN CONTROL DDRAIG'S POWER, FOR THAT MATTER...

AS I THOUGHT. ABSORBING IT'S ONE THING, BUT MAKING IT YOUR OWN IS ANOTHER.

RATING GAMES ARE ANYTHING BUT SIMPLE.

DEPENDING ON HOW YOU FIGHT, EVEN A PAWN CAN TAKE A KING. THAT'S JUST ONE OF THE MANY THINGS I'LL NEED TO TEACH YOU.

I'M SORRY FOR BEING SO USE-LESSSSS!

SA (SWF)

BOX: IYOKAN CITRUS FRUIT

ヒソ~ BIKU (TWITCH)

AS LONG AS WE'VE GOT ME, GASPARD, AND OUR ULTIMATE COMBO, I'M SURE WE'LL PULL IT OFF.

"FORBIDDEN BALOR VIEW"? WAY TOO IFFY AS IT IS. NOT USEFUL AT ALL.

AS OF NOW, MY LIMIT'S ABOUT AN HOUR.

NO GOOD. LET'S WORK ON GETTING THAT UP TO THREE DAYS MINIMUM.

YOU, WITH THE HOLY DEVIL SWORD...HOW LONG CAN YOU MAINTAIN YOUR BALANCE BREAKER?

E-EVEN IN THE BEST-CASE SCENARIO, I CAN ONLY USE MINE FOR TEN SECONDS...

YOU'D BETTER START FROM SCRATCH 'COS THE WHITE DRAGON EMPEROR CAN HOLD HIS BALANCE BREAKER FOR A MONTH. THAT'S HOW FAR BEHIND YOU ARE.

AKENO, YOU STILL GOT A GRUDGE AGAINST BARAQUIEL, THE FALLEN ANGEL?

I HAVE NO INTENTION OF FORGIVING HIM.

MY MOTHER IS DEAD BECAUSE OF THAT MAN.

HE NEVER SAID ANYTHING WHEN YOU BECAME A DEVIL.

OF COURSE NOT. HE WASN'T IN A POSITION TO.

THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEANT. I WONDER, WOULD IT BE CRUDE OF ME TO INTERVENE IN A MATTER BETWEEN FATHER AND DAUGHTER?

I DON'T THINK OF HIM AS MY FATHER!

I SEE. BUT I DON'T THINK YOUR JOINING THE GREMORY PEERAGE WAS A BAD THING.

THAT ASIDE, I WONDER WHAT BARAQUIEL HIMSELF WOULD HAVE TO SAY ABOUT ALL THIS.

WHY DON'T I TEACH YOU ABOUT WOMEN? I'M A GUY WHO'S HAD HUNDREDS OF HAREMS IN THE PAST.

YEAH. IT IS, I GUESS ...

HEY, RED DRAGON EMPEROR. OR CAN I CALL YOU "ISSEI"? YOU SAY HAVING A HAREM'S YOUR DREAM?

ALL RIGHT. WE OUGHTA FIND YOU A WOMAN TO MAKE YOU A MAN.

Y-YES!

GATA CRUSH!

S-S-S-S-S-S-SERI-OUSLY!?

SERIOUS-LY. YOU A VIRGIN?

IT'S TRUE. JUST LIKE THE LEGENDS SAY, THE HEADS OF GRIGORI WERE TEMPTED BY BEAUTIFUL WOMEN. THEY FELL WHEN THEY GAVE THOSE WOMEN HEAVEN'S PRECIOUS KNOWLEDGE.

TH-THAT'S HOW YOU BECAME A FALLEN ANGEL!?

GROPING THE BREASTS OF HUMAN WOMEN LED TO MY FALL FROM GRACE. I DON'T COMPROMISE WHEN IT COMES TO THE EROTIC.

YUP.
YUP.
I FEEL A SUDDEN SENSE OF KINSHIP WITH YOU FALLEN ANGELS.
AH, BUT WE WERE SO YOUNG. THE TEMPTATION WAS TOO MUCH FOR US VIRGINS, SO WE EMBRACED THOSE WOMEN AND LOST OUR STATUS AS ANGELS.
©HMH
I'M GONNA FOLLOW IN YOUR FOOT-STEPS, SENSEI!
WHOOOA! FOR REAL!? YOU THINK I CAN DO IT!?
I GOT IT. HOW ABOUT A LITTLE TOUR TO CELEBRATE YOU LEAVING YOUR VIRGIN LIFE BEHIND?
SO BELIEVE ME, I GET IT. A MAN'S GOTTA LIVE ACCORDING TO HIS LUST! BEING WITH A WOMAN GRANTS HIM CONFIDENCE AND STRENGTH.
NIYA (GRIN)
NIYA
J-JUST WAIT A MINUTE!
BA (YANK)
I DON'T WANT YOU GIVING ISSEI ANY WEIRD IDEAS!

GAAAAH!

I'M IN CONTROL OF ISSEI'S CHASTITY!

AW, COME ON. IT'S ONLY HEALTHY FOR HIM TO BE THIS WAY AT HIS AGE.

ISSEI-SAN, ARE YOU TRULY LEAVING ME TO VISIT FAR-OFF LANDS...?

GUSU (SNIFFLE)

IT'S NOT THAT KINDA "TOUR"!

MY, MY. I'LL BE SO LONELY WHILE YOU'RE OFF ON YOUR TOUR, ISSEI-KUN.

DON'T GIVE ME THAT LOOK! I WON'T BE ABLE TO LEAVE!

SHUN (DROOP)

...

SORRY, I... HEY, ARE YOU LAUGHING!?

...YOU'RE THE WORST, ISSEI-SENPAI.

HEH...!

HMM...

MM... IF THE PRESIDENT IS IN CONTROL, THEN CREATING A CHILD WILL NOT BE AN EASY TASK...

YOU'RE SERIOUSLY CONCERNED ABOUT THAT!?

FOCUS ON GETTING OUT OF THAT BOX FIRST.

YOU'RE SUCH A MANLY MAN, ISSEI-SENPAI! I WANT TO BE JUST LIKE YOU!

WAAAH!

AT THIS RATE, YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO SAY THOSE NASTY THINGS ABOUT ME ANYMORE.

HA-HA.

DIE, PRETTY BOY!

HA HA HA!

BUT GET USED TO ME 'COS WE'RE GOING ON A TRAINING TRIP THIS SUMMER. I'LL WHIP YOU ALL INTO SHAPE, STARTING FROM SQUARE ONE.

PON (PAT)

I WON'T HAVE MUCH TEACHING TO DO AT ALL.

ANYWAY, DRAGONS ARE NATURALLY SUITED TO THE POLYAMOROUS LIFESTYLE.

YOU'VE GOT THE CONFERENCE OF YOUNG DEVIL LORDS COMING UP, RIGHT?

ALL THE BIG NAMES WITH SUPPOSEDLY BRIGHT FUTURES ARE GONNA BE THERE, I HEAR.

I AGREE THAT WE'VE NO TIME TO SLACK OFF.

THE PERFECT OPPORTUNITY FOR THOSE LACKING PRACTICAL FIGHTING EXPERIENCE.

THESE WILL BE DEEP, RICH BATTLES, GAMES REQUIRING TACTICS AND STRATEGY ON THE FLY.

I ENDORSE THE IDEA MYSELF.

YES...IT WILL BE A WHO'S WHO OF HEIRS TO THE OLD, ESTABLISHED FAMILIES.

IT'S AN OLD CUSTOM.

THEY'RE REALLY GONNA HOLD RATING GAMES WITH ALL THIS TERRORISM CRAP GOING ON?

NO DOUBT. I'D BE IN REAL TROUBLE IF I GOT TOSSED ONTO A REAL BATTLEFIELD NOW...

...WHICH IS WHY I'M HERE TO TEACH YOU ALL HOW TO PROPERLY USE THOSE SACRED GEARS.

PLUS, WE'LL HAVE SOME RATING GAME-STYLE MATCHES DURING YOUR SUMMER TRAINING. I'VE ALREADY ASKED SIRZECHS HIS THOUGHTS ON THE MATTER.

HA HA HA...

I'LL PROBE THE UNCHARTED DEPTHS OF BOOSTED GEAR, THE HOLY DEVIL SWORDS, AND FORBIDDEN BALOR VIEW...

THE FRUITS OF MY RESEARCH WILL GO A LONG WAY TOWARD MOLDING YOU INTO MY OWN UNIQUE IMAGE.

...SOOO WE'RE YOUR GUINEA PIGS?

KUOU PRIVATE ACADEMY
OCCULT RESEARCH CLUB
(RIGHT TO LEFT)

ADVISER: AZAZEL (FALLEN ANGEL COMMANDER)

PRESIDENT: RIAS GREMORY, THIRD-YEAR (KING);
VICE PRESIDENT: AKENO HIMEJIMA, THIRD-YEAR (QUEEN)

MEMBERS: KONEKO TOUJOU, FIRST-YEAR (ROOK); YUUTO KIBA, SECOND-YEAR (KNIGHT); XENOVIA, SECOND-YEAR (KNIGHT); ASIA ARGENTO, SECOND-YEAR (BISHOP); GASPARD VLADI, FIRST-YEAR (BISHOP); ISSEI HYOUDOU, SECOND-YEAR (PAWN)

Understood. But, Azazel... many of your people don't think much of this current peace.

WHATEVER. HOW ABOUT YOU THOUGH? YOU'VE GOT A KID ON THE WAY.

SORRY, SHEMHAZA. LOOKS LIKE I'LL BE STICKING AROUND HERE FOR A WHILE.

Always deflecting...

TAKE CARE OF THAT DEVIL WIFE OF YOURS. SHE'S A GOOD WOMAN.

SHE'S RISKED ASSASSINATION THIS WHOLE TIME, STICKING WITH YOU, AND THAT KID WILL BUILD REAL BRIDGES BETWEEN THE DEVILS AND FALLEN ANGELS.

I wish she'd just resented me instead...

DON'T CRY, COMRADE. WE'RE PLENTY USED TO RESENTMENT.

I'M TAKING ON ALL THE BURDEN HERE, SO JUST SHUT UP AND FOLLOW ME, SHEMHAZA!

Yes, my master ...!

ISSEI-KUN!

AKENO IS HERE TO SERVE.

YES. WE'LL ALL BE ROOMMATES STARTING TODAY.

EH... EH...!?

AH... AKENO AND XENOVIA WILL ALSO BE LIVING HERE...IT WAS MY BROTHER'S SUGGESTION. KONEKO WILL MOVE IN SOON TOO.

SIRZECHS-SAMA'S SUGGES-TION...? BUT WHY...?

WHEN HE WAS STAYING HERE, HE OBSERVED THE IMPORTANCE OF CLOSE CONTACT AMONG MEMBERS OF A PEERAGE.

NEVERTHELESS, I WAS FIRMLY OPPOSED TO ALL THIS CO-HABITATION...

REALLY!?

U-FU-FU. ♪ I'VE WANTED TO SHARE A BED WITH YOU FOR SO LONG, ISSEI-KUN.

ISSEI-KUN. ♪ I'LL BE SLEEPING WITH YOU TONIGHT.

AH!

ASIA, CAN I SHARE A ROOM WITH YOU?

EH? RENOVATIONS!?

PUN

PUN. (POUT)

THIS HOUSE HAS GOTTEN A LITTLE TOO CRAMPED FOR COMFORT...

IT'S DECIDED, THEN. I'LL CONTACT MY BROTHER ABOUT MAKING SOME RENOVATIONS THIS SUMMER.

GYUU (PINCH)

WHY AM I ALWAYS THE LAST TO KNOW...?

EVEN A HOME THEATER!!

AN INDOOR POOL AND SAUNA?

I'VE ALREADY GOTTEN PERMISSION FROM YOUR PARENTS, ISSEI.

STILL, I'M GONNA DO IT WITH THE FIRST GIRL WHO HAPPENS TO MAKE A MOVE ON ME THIS SUMMER...!

BA (BAM)

BUT IN THE END, I'M THE PRESIDENT'S SERVANT, AKENO-SAN'S PET, ASIA'S BIG BROTHER, XENOVIA'S... YEAH, IT'S NO USE...THE PRESIDENT'S WATCHING ME LIKE A HAWK.

IT'S SUMMER VACATION SOON...THAT ALL-IMPORTANT TIME WHEN HIGH SCHOOL GUYS GET A CHANCE TO LOSE THEIR VIRGINITY.

GUI (SHOVE)

GUI

THEN THERE'S THAT TRAINING I'VE GOTTA DO. MY LIFE OF DEBAUCHERY HAS NEVER SEEMED SO FAR AWAY...!

WAAH!!

HAAH...

S-SORRY!

ISSEI!

ISSEI-SAN!

DON'T YOU DARE STROLL INTO ISSEI'S ROOM! YOU'RE OVER HERE, AKENO!

HOW ABOUT ISSEI-KUN'S ROOM, THEN? I'LL DROP MY THINGS OFF IN THERE.

WHAT KINDA CRAZY SUMMER VACATION IS THIS GONNA BE...?

NO, XENOVIA-SAN. THAT'S THE BATH-ROOM.

SO THIS IS OUR ROOM, ASIA?

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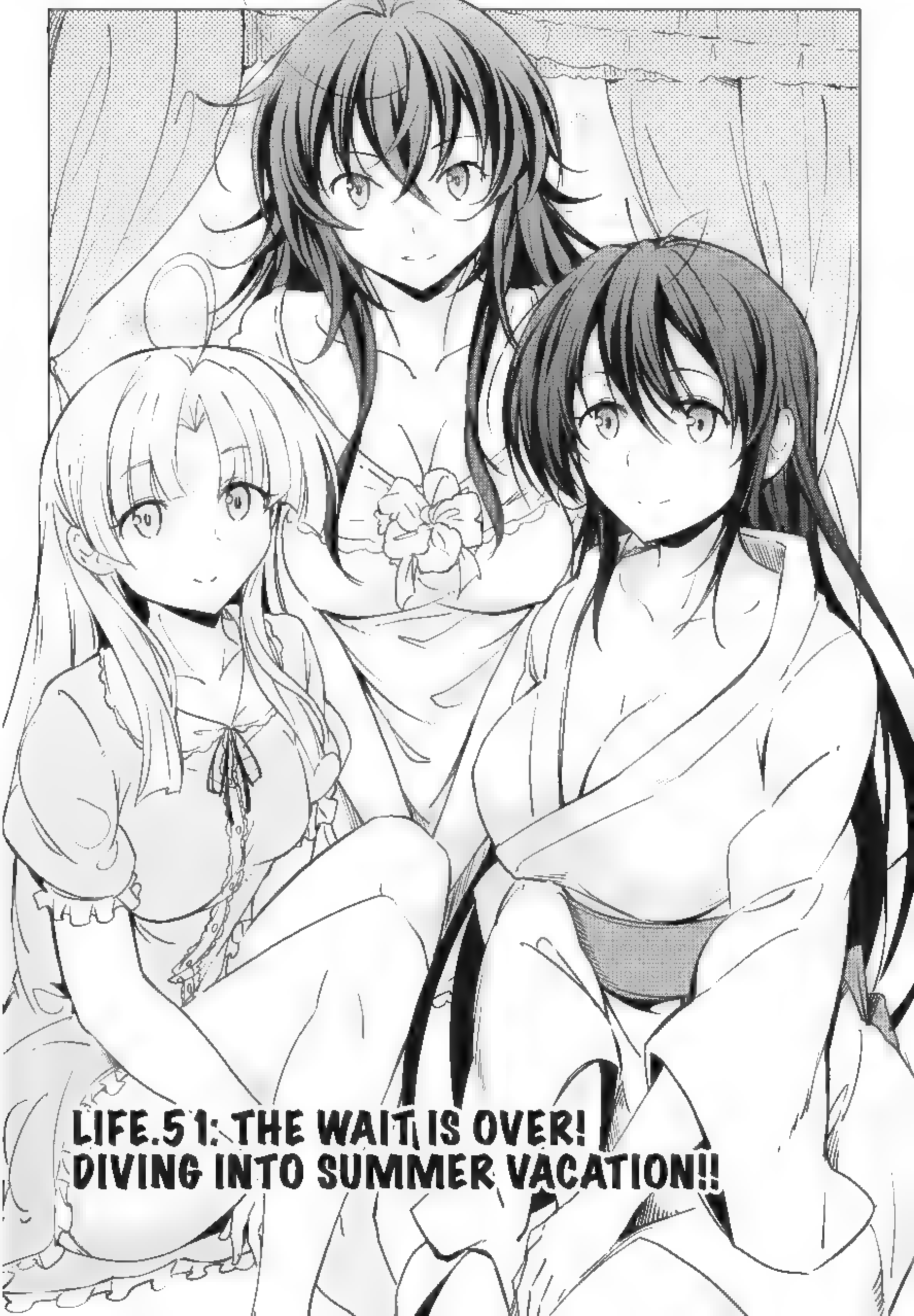

# LIFE.51: THE WAIT IS OVER! DIVING INTO SUMMER VACATION!!

ONE SUMMER MORNING...

...THE PRESIDENT AND ASIA WERE FAST ASLEEP, BREATHING GENTLY...

WHEN'D THEY CRAWL INTO MY BED...?

SUUU (BREATHE)

DOKI (BADUM)

DOKI

DOKI

...AND THERE I WAS, STUCK IN THE MIDDLE.

KUU (SNORE)

I HAD USED UP ALL OF MY PERVERTED LUCK TO GET INTO SUCH AN AMAZING SITUATION, BUT I COULDN'T DECIDE WHETHER OR NOT TO MAKE A MOVE!

ZUU CLURK

BIKU (SHOLT)

EEEK...! A GHOST? A SPIRIT !?

...HMM?

SOME-THING NEAR MY FEET...

MOZO (SQUIRM)

A-AKENO-SAN!?

A GHOST? THAT'S JUST MEAN.

U-FU-FU. GOOD MORNING, ISSEI-KUN.

ISSEI-KUN, YOUR BODY'S BEEN GETTING SO TOUGH AND RUGGED SINCE YOUR TRAINING WITH RIAS.

O-OH YEAH!?

FEEL FREE TO TOUCH MY BODY AS WELL.

BUT I'D ALSO LIKE TO GET TO KNOW YOUR BODY ON A DEEPER LEVEL...

!

BUT DON'T BE TOO ROUGH, NOW. WE CAN'T WAKE THE SCARY LADY SLEEPING NEXT TO YOU.

I CAN'T SAY I DON'T ENJOY THE RISK OF GETTING CAUGHT THOUGH.

IF ONLY TIME WOULD FREEZE FOR US...

GU (SQUEEZE)

OH, THE ROMANTIC THINGS WE COULD DO... BUT ALAS...

DOKUN (BADUM)

ARE WE REALLY GONNA...?

WHEN DID YOU SNEAK INTO THIS ROOM, AKENO...?

GETTING TO KNOW EACH OTHER, OF COURSE.

FURU (SHAKE)

FURU

AND WHAT ARE YOU TWO DOING?

DOKI (BADUM)

"YOUR" ISSEI?

PIKU (TWITCH)

I WAS SO LONELY IN BED WITH NO ONE BESIDE ME. I ONLY WANTED TO GET A LOVELY START TO THE DAY WITH MY DEAR LITTLE ISSEI-KUN.

UWAAAH! SHE'S ABOUT TO SNAP!!

NOT HIS MASTER, JUST HIS SENPAI.

ISN'T IT A SENPAI'S JOB TO DOTE ON HER KOUHAI?

WHEN DID YOU BECOME ISSEI'S MASTER?

SENPAI...? SO THAT'S YOUR ANGLE.

THIS ROOM IS THE ONE ABSOLUTE SANCTUARY FOR ME IN THIS HOUSE.

ASIA ASIDE, I WON'T ALLOW ANYONE ELSE IN HERE!

MY, MY. HOW POSSESSIVE WE ARE.

SCARED THAT I'LL TAKE HIM AWAY FROM YOU?

BA (BAM)

THIS IS MY AND ISSEI'S ROOM!

GUYAA (BREATHE)

HUH? WHEN DID THE PRESIDENT TAKE PARTIAL OWNERSHIP OF MY ROOM...?

...IT SEEMS WE HAVE TO HAVE A LITTLE TALK.

BLIMA (DOOM)

THAT'S QUITE THE AGGRESSIVE AURA YOU'RE EMITTING FOR A MERE "TALK."

IT'S FINE. YOU CAN GO BACK TO SLEEP...

BACHI

BACHI (BZZT)

AH... ISSEI-SHAN...

...AUUGH. MORNING ALREADY... HAAH...

MUKURI (RISE)

...OKAY, I'LL TAKE YOU UP ON THAT. BUT FIRSHT, A QUICK HUG...

HOH!

HOH!

AH... ASIA HAS SUCH A SOOTHING PRESENCE ...

CAN'T YOU GIVE IN JUST A LITTLE BIT? YOU'RE SO SELFISH!

I'M SICK AND TIRED OF YOU ALWAYS JUMPING TO STEAL WHATEVER'S PRECIOUS TO ME, AKENO!

BATA

BATA

BATA (FLAIL)

BATA

BATA

THIS HOUSE BELONGS TO ISSEI AND ME!

YOU AND MY BROTHER ARE ALWAYS TRYING TO COME BETWEEN US! I CAN'T STAND IT!

SIRZECHS-SAMA TOLD US TO LIVE TOGETHER IN PEACE AND HARMONY!

...

Z Z Z

AH.

WH

BAMU (PWUMP)

YOU THINK THIS BAD ATTITUDE WILL SIT WELL WITH SIRZECHS-SAMA!? JUST LET ME HAVE A LITTLE TASTE OF ISSEI!!

NO! ABSO-LUTELY NOT!

SUUU (BREATHE)

SUUU

I CAN'T THINK OF ANYTHING THAT MAKES ME HAPPIER THAN SEEING THIS CUTE, UNRESERVED SIDE OF THEM.

AT SCHOOL, THESE TWO CONDUCT THEMSELVES IN SUCH A HIGH-CLASS MANNER AND ARE THE ENVY OF EVERY STUDENT, BUT BEHIND CLOSED DOORS, THEY TURN INTO ORDINARY GIRLS, ACTING THEIR AGE...

HUH? RENOVATED ...?

WE ONLY JUST RENOVATED THIS HOUSE, SO I WON'T LET YOU HAVE YOUR WAY, AKENO!

WAS MY BED ALWAYS THIS HUGE?

...HEY, WAIT.

WHEN'D MY ROOM...

...GET SUPER-SIZED!?

THE ENTRY-WAY TOO...

DEN (BAM)

WHAT THE HELL'S GOING ONNN!?

HOW DID THIS HAPPEN? THE HYOUDOU RESIDENCE TRANSFORMED INTO A MANSION OVERNIGHT!!

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# LIFE.52: OFF TO THE DEVIL REALM!!

GOOD MORNING, ISSEI-KUN.

...GOOD MORNING.

YOUR HOUSE SURE HAS GOTTEN BIG.

B-B-B-BIG PLACES ARE SCARY!

EH? WE HOLDING THE CLUB MEETING AT MY PLACE TODAY...?

IS EVERYONE HERE, THEN?

GOING BACK TO THE DEVIL REALM !?

UGH...YOU'RE GONNA LEAVE ME BEHIND, JUST LIKE THAT?

(GUSU) (SNIFFLE)

WHY SO TEARY-EYED, ISSEI?

I TAKE A TRIP HOME EVERY SUMMER.

OF COURSE NOT...

I COULD NEVER ABANDON YOU.

SIGH.

WE'LL BE TOGETHER FOR THE NEXT HUNDRED... OR THOUSAND YEARS, EVEN, SO RELAX.

YES. YOU'RE SERVANTS IN MY PEERAGE, SO IT'S ONLY NATURAL YOU ACCOMPANY ME.

ALL OF US? REALLY?

ON THAT NOTE, YOU'LL ALL BE COMING WITH ME, SO I NEED YOU TO PACK FOR A LONG TRIP.

Y-YES! I'M A BIT NERVOUS ABOUT TRAVELING TO SUCH A PLACE AS A LIVING PERSON!

INDEED. I'VE NEVER BEEN TO THE DEVIL REALM BEFORE.

OH. I SUPPOSE THIS WILL BE YOUR FIRST TIME VISITING THE DEVIL REALM, ASIA AND XENOVIA?

FU FU FU FU...

SO I'LL BE STEPPING FOOT INTO THE SAME HELL AS THOSE WHO'VE RECEIVED DIVINE PUNISHMENT...HOW FITTING, NOW THAT I'M A DEVIL.

I-I'M GONNA PRETEND TO BE DEAD UNTIL WE'RE BACK HOME!

SO MOST OF THE SUMMER'S GONNA BE OVER THERE?

...

POCHI (CLICK)

...WE WON'T BE COMING BACK HERE UNTIL THE END OF AUGUST.

BETWEEN OUR TRAINING AND ALL THE OTHER EVENTS GOING ON...

SOUNDS LIKE JUST ABOUT EVERYTHING I WANTED TO DO...

Any summer plans?

Gonna hit on chicks at the beach and poolside!

This is the year I'll find a girlfriend and have a genuine summer of love!

POPIN (JINGLE)

...HOT SPRINGS?

THERE'S NO OCEAN IN THE DEVIL REALM, BUT WE'VE GOT A LAKE THAT'S PLENTY BIG. POOLS AND HOT SPRINGS TOO, OF COURSE. DOES THAT WORK?

OH? DID YOU HAVE OTHER PLANS?

JUST WANTED TO VISIT THE BEACH AND POOL.

AND EVEN HOT SPRINGS? IT'LL BE A STEAMY BOOB BONANZA!!

NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT, GETTING TO ENJOY THE LAKE AND POOL WITH ALL THESE GALS IN THE DEVIL REALM IS ABOUT A HUNDRED TIMES BETTER THAN HANGING OUT WITH MATSUDA AND MOTOHAMA!!

HFF...

HFF...

BA (TURN)

EEP! SORRY...!

...LEWD FANTASIES ARE FORBIDDEN.

(TOO) (STARE)

...HUH? KONEKO-CHAN'S TAKING IT REALLY EASY ON ME TODAY... USUALLY, THOSE COMMENTS WOULD COME WITH A HEAPING HELPING OF BEATDOWN.

PFFT.

...HAAH.

SHADDUP! AREN'T YOU TWO PLANNING ON DATING ANY GIRLS THIS SUMMER?

SENPAI HAS SUCH AN INCREDIBLE IMAGINATION... HE MAKES IT SOUND SO FUN. I'M JEALOUS...

WOW, ISSEI-KUN, THAT WAS AN INSANELY PERVERTED FACE YOU WERE MAKING.

NO THANKS... I'D BE HAPPY JUST STAYING HOME, SURFING THE NET, WHILE TRYING ON CUTE CLOTHES...

YOU'RE PRACTICALLY BEGGING TO GET MADE FUN OF, YOU DEADBEAT!

I'VE GOT MY TRAINING TO WORRY ABOUT.

THAT'S PUNISHMENT FOR NOT EXPLOITING YOUR PRETTY BOY STATUS!

PRESIDENN-NNNT! LET'S DO IT! I'LL FOLLOW YOU TO THE PITS OF HELL!

IF WE HAVE THE TIME, I'D LOVE TO GO ON A DATE WITH YOU IN THE DEVIL REALM, ISSEI.

!

MY, MY. IN THAT CASE...

...I'D LIKE TO SPEND SOME TIME WITH ISSEI-KUN IN THE BEDROOM.

ZOKU (SHUDDER)

HUH?

HUH?

GURI (BRUSH)

GURI

NO WAY.

NO. GET OFF OF HIM.

GA (GRAB)

I'LL BE PAYING A VISIT TO THE DEVIL REALM TOO.

HERE THEY GO AGAIN...

AZAZEL!?

THE FRONT DOOR, LIKE ANYONE ELSE.

HOW'D YOU GET IN HERE?

...I COULDN'T FEEL HIS PRESENCE AT ALL.

THAT'S 'COS YOUR TRAINING IS LACKING.

THAT'S MY NOTE-BOOK...!

ANYWAY, IF YOU'RE HEADING TO THE DEVIL REALM, I SHOULD COME TOO. I'M YOUR "SENSEI," AFTER ALL.

YOUR SCHEDULE IN THE DEVIL REALM...

PERA (FLIP)

FIRST, A VISIT WITH RIAS'S FOLKS, THEN INTRODUCING THE NEWCOMERS TO THE HEAD OF THE FAMILY, THEN THE MEETING WITH THE UP-AND-COMER DEVILS, AND FINALLY, YOUR TRAINING.

TCH... NOTHING BUT PLANS AND SCHEDULING... I WAS HOPING TO READ THE DIARY OF A MAIDEN LAID BARE.

PERA

BOSO (MUTTER)

YEP. MAKE THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR ME, WILL YOU? I'VE NEVER ENTERED THE DEVIL REALM THE WAY DEVILS DO, SO THIS SHOULD BE FUN.

HFF!

HFF!

SO... YOU'LL BE COMING WITH US, AZAZEL-SENSEI?

*IS THIS ANY WAY FOR AN EDUCATOR TO BEHAVE!?*

VIOLENCE AGAINST A TEACHER? NOT GOOD ...

*GIVE IT BACK!*

NOPE. THIS IS GOING TO BE AN ACTUAL TRIP.

SO WE'RE NOT GONNA TELEPORT IN WITH A MAGIC SEAL LIKE THAT OTHER TIME?

MM-HM... GO TO HELL? WAY AHEAD OF YOU. NOT QUITE THE SAME THOUGH.

The beach? I'll pass. I'll be hitting up the hot springs with the president and a few other ladies!

Drop dead!

POPIN (JINGLE)

Go to hell!

?

FU FU

AH. RIGHT.

SU

SU (PWIP)

DAY OF DEPAR-TURE

...A TRAIN STATION?

THERE'S A HIDDEN LEVEL UNDERNEATH THIS STATION.

PI (BEEP)

JUST FOLLOW ME.

THE LAST TRAIN'S ALREADY LEFT... ISN'T THAT GONNA BE A PROBLEM? WHAT'S GOING ON...?

I WAS BORN AND RAISED IN THIS TOWN, AND I NEVER EVEN KNEW THIS EXISTED!

IT'S A ROUTE RESERVED EXCLUSIVELY FOR DEVILS. NORMAL HUMANS WOULD NEVER FIND THEIR WAY DOWN HERE.

GAKON (KAKLANG)

I KNEW KUOU ACADEMY WAS LIKE THAT, BUT IT SOUNDS LIKE THERE'RE PLENTY OF OTHERS TOO...

THERE ARE ACTUALLY QUITE A FEW SECRET SPACES CREATED FOR DEVILS IN THIS CITY, JUST LIKE THIS ONE.

WHOOOA!

DEN (BAM)

IT'S THE GREMORY FAMILY TRAIN. ALL ABOARD! ♪

UM... WHERE'S THE PRESI-DENT?
RIIIIN CHUMMM
THE MASTER RIDES IN THE FIRST CAR, WHILE HER PEERAGE HAS TO STAY IN THE OTHERS. THAT'S THE RULE.

I'M SURPRISED THERE ARE SO MANY CUSTOMS INVOLVED...
GATAN (KAKLUNK)
OH, WE'RE MOVING.
TOTON (TATUNK)

ALL NEWCOMERS TO THE PEERAGE—INCLUDING YOU, ISSEI-KUN—HAVE TO TAKE THIS FORMAL ROUTE ONCE OR FACE PUNISHMENT.

THIS TRAIN IS LEGALLY SANCTIONED TO CROSS THE BOUNDARY BETWEEN REALMS.

NEVER THOUGHT WE'D USE A TRAIN TO GET TO THE DEVIL REALM WHEN WE'VE GOT THOSE MAGIC SEALS.

THAT WAS A SPECIAL EXCEPTION, GIVEN THAT IT WAS SIRZECHS-SAMA'S OWN MAGIC SEAL.

O-OH, THAT'S GOOD... IT'D REALLY SUCK TO GET THROWN IN JAIL RIGHT OFF THE BAT...

*HUH!? BUT I MADE THE JUMP WITH A MAGIC SEAL THAT TIME WHEN I CRASHED THE PRESIDENT'S ENGAGEMENT PARTY!!*

*AM I GONNA GET ARRESTED THE SECOND I ARRIVE!?*

BAN (BAM)

*WHAT!?*

GATA (STAND)

HOWEVER... THEY MIGHT PUNISH YOU FOR UNTOWARD RELATIONS WITH YOUR MASTER.

BUT THERE'S NO RULE AGAINST SUCH CONTACT BETWEEN FELLOW SERVANTS.

HYO! (GRAB)

LIKE THIS.

HUH!?

GU (PRESS)

A-A-A-A-AKENO-SAN!?

YOU'RE GOING TO TURN ISSEI-SAN INTO A PERVERT IF YOU KEEP THIS UP, AKENO-SAN...

...!

MUUU (POUT)

SO I'M A PERVERT NOW...?

MY, MY. I WOULD SAY THAT PERVERTED MEN ARE ACTUALLY THE HEALTHY ONES, ASIA-CHAN.

OR SOME OTHER RETORT LIKE THAT. I WONDER WHAT'S UP?

...THERE WAS NEVER ANY DOUBT IN MY MIND, SENPAI.

IT'S RIGHT ABOUT NOW THAT KONEKO-CHAN SHOULD BE PIPING UP.

...HMM?

I JUST CAME TO CHECK ON YOU GUYS!

WERE YOU ETTING NELY ALL YOURSELF THERE?

KAA (BLUSH)

MY, MY. WHAT ARE YOU DOING IN THE SERVANTS' CAR, MASTER?

I TAKE MY EYES OFF YOU FOR ONE MINUTE... AKENO... YOU ARE ABSOLUTELY ...

GAH! IT'S THE PRESIDENT !!

GREETINGS. I AM REYNALDO, THE CONDUCTOR OF THIS TRAIN.

S-SORRY ABOUT THAT...

PRINCESS RIAS, YOU MAY COMMUNICATE WITH YOUR PEERAGE, BUT MAY I PREPARE THE NEW MEMBERS FOR ARRIVAL?

ALL OF YOUR PERSONAL INFO IS RECORDED IN THE CHESS PIECES YOU EACH RECEIVED UPON YOUR REINCARNATION.

THOSE ARE USED TO CONFIRM YOUR IDENTITIES.

NOW THEN, I WILL CONFIRM AND RECORD THE NEWCOMERS TO YOUR PEERAGE.

I'VE CONFIRMED ALL OF YOU, WHICH MEANS YOU'RE CLEARED TO ENTER THE DEVIL REALM.

(BEEP)

I-I SEE... SO THOSE PIECES CAN EVEN SERVE AS I.D.

NGAAA (SNORE)

THANKS, REYNALDO. THEN THERE'S AZAZEL, BUT...LOOK AT HIM, SLEEPING IN WHAT USED TO BE ENEMY TERRITORY.

HO-HO-HO. THE FALLEN ANGEL COMMANDER DOESN'T SEEM TO HAVE A CARE IN THE WORLD.

WE WILL CROSS THE DIMENSIONAL BORDER MOMENTARILY.

ALMOST IN THE DEVIL REALM. TAKE A LOOK OUT THE WINDOW.

OOH! AWESOME!

HOW WONDER-FUL!

WELCOME TO GREMORY TERRITORY.

HIGHSCHOOL
DXD

HIGH SCHOOL
DXD

# LIFE.53: UNCHARTED TERRITORY!? THE GREMORY RESIDENCE!!

LADY RIAS.

WELCOME HOME.

I-IT'S A CASTLE...

EEEP... SO MANY PEOPLE...

AS MEMBERS OF THE GREMORY PEERAGE, YOU GUYS WILL BE GIVEN LAND TOO.

THAT'S BECAUSE THE GREMORY FAMILY'S TERRITORY IS ON PAR WITH JAPAN'S HONSHU ISLAND.

EH !?

WE GET LAND? SERIOUSLY!?

YOU CAN DECIDE WHICH PIECES OF TERRITORY YOU'D LIKE LATER.

I'M WAY OUTTA MY LEAGUE HERE...

TA

TA (TMP)

YOU'VE ARRIVED EARLY.

AUNTIE RIAS!

WHO'S THIS KID...?

GOOD TO SEE YOU, MILLICAS. MY, HOW YOU'VE GROWN.

GYU (HUG)

I'M MILLICAS GREMORY.

NICE TO MEET YOU.

SIRZECHS-SAMA'S... THE DEVIL KING'S SON!?

HUH!?

HE'S MY BROTHER'S SON, WHICH MAKES HIM MY NEPHEW.

FU-FU. THE "DEVIL KING" TITLE HAS TO BE INHERITED AND CAN ONLY BE HELD BY THE KING HIMSELF, SO MILLICAS HERE IS STILL OFFICIALLY PART OF THE GREMORY FAMILY.

HE'S NEXT IN THE SUCCESSION LINE, AFTER ME.

PEKO (BOW)

SA (FWIP)

TH-THE PLEASURE IS OURS...

HUH... WHERE'S SENSEI?

SUPPER IS READY. I'LL SHOW YOU TO THE DINING ROOM.

OH YEAH? GUESS THAT'S THE TOP FALLEN ANGEL FOR YOU...GUY MUST LEAD A BUSY LIFE.

AZAZEL-SAMA SET OFF FOR THE DEVIL KING'S TERRITORY FOR A MEETING.

THE PRESIDENT'S MOM...?

...MOTHER!

YES, I'M HOME.

OH, YOU'RE HERE, RIAS.

Y-Y-YOUR MOM!?

BUT SHE LOOKS PRACTICALLY THE SAME AGE AS YOU, PRESIDENT!

OH MY. I CAN'T SAY I'M IMPERVIOUS TO SUCH FLATTERY.

AS DEVILS GET OLDER, WE CAN USE MAGIC TO CHANGE OUR APPEARANCES ...

...SO MOTHER ALWAYS LOOKS TO BE ABOUT MY AGE.

POYON (BOUNCE)

ぽよん。

THE PRESIDENT GETS HER RACK FROM HER MOM! THANK GOD FOR GOOD GENES!

I SEE, I SEE... THE PRESIDENT IS REALLY MY TYPE, BUT THERE'S SOMETHING APPEALING ABOUT THE WHOLE "OLDER WOMAN" THING!

DERE (DROOL)

S-SURE AM..... I MEAN, HOW DO YOU KNOW ME...?

ARE YOU ISSEI HYOUDOU-KUN?

OUCH...

...THAT LUSTY GAZE BETTER NOT BE DIRECTED AT MY MOTHER.

HOW COULD A PARENT FORGIVE THE MAN WHO RUINED HER DAUGHTER'S ENGAGEMENT PARTY...? SHE'S PROBABLY PISSED AT ME...

C-CRAP... I WAS SO WRAPPED UP WITH SAVING THE PRESIDENT THAT I NEVER STOPPED TO THINK.

ACK!

FROM MY DAUGHTER'S ENGAGEMENT PARTY, OF COURSE.

NICE TO MEET YOU, ISSEI HYOUDOU-KUN.

I AM RIAS'S MOTHER, VENELANA GREMORY.

KUSU (GIGGLE)

HOW DO I EVEN EAT THIS...? WONDER IF THE MAID WOULD FEED IT TO ME...

THE MAIDS WILL ATTEND TO YOUR EVERY NEED.

PLEASE RELAX AND ENJOY YOURSELVES AS IF THIS WERE YOUR OWN HOME.

AH, MAYBE I CAN "BORROW" A MAID FOR THE NIGHT AND ENLIST HER SERVICES...!? FU-HEE-HEE...

PONAWA (BLOOP)

EAT UP! ♥

SAY "AHH."

HUH?

YOU WANT...

...ME!?

THAT'S NOT WHAT YOU WANT?

SURU (SLIP)

DOKI (BADUMP)

I...

DOKI

I'M ALL YOURS. ♥

BIKUU (SHOCK)

BY THE WAY, ISSEI HYOUDOU-KUN.

Y-YES?

HOW ARE YOUR PARENTS DOING?

THEY'RE GREAT! THEY SEND YOU THEIR BEST WISHES!

F-
"FATHER"...?
I'M NOT
WORTHY,
REALLY!

GOOD, GOOD.
AND PLEASE
CALL ME
"FATHER"
FROM
NOW ON.

DON'T BE
SO HASTY.
PROCEDURE
MUST BE
FOLLOWED!

WHIPPED,
HUH...?

R-
RIGHT.

BAN
(SLAM)

WHILE
YOU'RE HERE,
ISSEI-SAN,
YOU'LL NEED
TO STUDY UP
ON MANNERS
AND
ETIQUETTE.

HUH?

MAY
I CALL
YOU
"ISSEI-
SAN"?

YES, OF
COURSE!

FULU (FLUME)

FATHER! MOTHER! YOU BOTH NEED TO STOP LEAVING ME OUT OF THESE IMPORTANT CONVERSATIONS.

BE QUIET, RIAS.

YOU'RE THE ONE WHO BROKE OFF YOUR ENGAGEMENT TO RISER, YES?

WE ALLOWED IT AT THE TIME, BUT KEEP IN MIND THAT THAT WAS A RARE EXCEPTION.

NIKO (SMILE)

I APOLOGIZE FOR THAT UNSEEMLY DISPLAY.

NOT AT ALL.

...

SUTON (FWUMP)

WE CANNOT ABIDE SUCH SELFISHNESS AGAIN, SO PLEASE STOP ACTING SO SPOILED.

U-UM... WHY ME, EXACTLY?

YOU MUST LEARN A BIT ABOUT THE INS AND OUTS OF HIGH-CLASS SOCIETY.

AS I WAS SAYING, YOU'LL BE UNDER-GOING SOME SPECIAL TRAINING, ISSEI-SAN.

...

CHIRA (GLANCE)

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THE NEXT HEAD OF THIS FAMILY HAS MADE YOU HER FINAL SELFISH DECISION, SO AS HER MOTHER, I MUST TAKE RESPONSIBILITY.

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?
?

I-I DON'T GET IT...

KAAA (BLUSH)

カアア

WHERE DO I FIT INTO ALL OF THIS...?

HIGHSCHOOL
DXD

HIGH SCHOOL
DXD

# LIFE.54: YOUNG DEVILS, ASSEMBLE!

MUST BE NICE! WHY AM I STUCK IN HERE STUDYING ALONGSIDE MILLICAS-SAMA?

I BET THE OTHERS ARE OUT SIGHTSEEING AROUND THE GREMORY TERRITORY ...

IN SUMMARY, FOR NOBLE DEVILS, HIGH SOCIETY IS...

YOUNG MASTER, CAN YOU READ AND WRITE DEVIL SCRIPT?

N-NO. I CAN'T UNDER-STAND MOST OF IT.

.....NEXT, WE'LL BE LEARNING OF THE GREMORY FAMILY'S HISTORY.

SA (TURN)

... DODG-ING THE QUES-TION.

UM, WHAT'S THAT "YOUNG MASTER" BUSINESS ABOUT?

YOU MUST BE PREPARED TO LEARN ALL THERE IS TO KNOW ABOUT THE GREMORY FAMILY.

VERY WELL. YOU'LL HAVE TO STUDY THE LANGUAGE FROM THE START, THEN.

DON (SLAM)

AH! GRAND-MOTHER.

RIGHT. YOU'D NEVER GUESS SHE WAS A GRANDMA FROM HER LOOKS, BUT THAT'S WHAT SHE IS TO MILLICAS-SAMA.

HOW'S THE STUDYING COMING ALONG?

UM, WELL...

THE YOUNG LORDS WILL SOON BE ASSEMBLING IN THE DEVIL KING'S TERRITORY, SO YOU CAN PUT WHAT YOU'VE LEARNED TO THE TEST IMMEDIATELY.

HAVE YOU LEARNED THE BASICS OF HIGH SOCIETY?

FU-FU-FU. YOUR WRITING IS FAR FROM PERFECT, BUT IT'S CLEAR THAT YOU'RE MAKING A GOOD EFFORT.

SFX: KUSU (GIGGLE)

OLD ROYAL CAPITAL: LUCIFERD

WE'LL BE MEETING THE OTHER YOUNG LORDS NOW. NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS, STAY CALM.

THESE GUYS WILL BE OUR RIVALS GOING FORWARD, SO WE DON'T WANT TO ACT UNSEEMLY.

OH...

...HMM?

ON THAT NOTE, ARE STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT SOHNA AND SAJI GONNA BE HERE?

YES. SOHNA IS NEXT IN LINE TO THE SITRI FAMILY, SO OF COURSE SHE'S COMING.

GOOD TO SEE YOU LOOKING WELL.

LONG TIME NO SEE, RIAS.

SAIRAORG!

THIS IS SAIRAORG BAEL, MY MOTHER'S COUSIN.

I LEARNED ABOUT THE HOUSE OF BAEL IN MY STUDIES... IT'S A "GRAND KING" LEVEL FAMILY, RIGHT BELOW DEVIL KING LEVEL!!

HER COUSIN THOUGH? THE PRESIDENT'S MOM IS RELATED TO THE BAEL FAMILY?

BUT WHAT'RE YOU DOING OUT HERE IN THE HALL?

BEING IN THERE WAS A WASTE OF MY TIME, SO I STEPPED OUT.

...A WASTE OF YOUR TIME?

DO (BOOM)

WH-WHAT THE —!?

GARA (CRUMBLE)

WHAT!? WHAT!?

KEHO (COUGH)

ZEPHYRDOR AND SEEKVAIRA GOT HERE EARLY AND STARTED GOING AT IT.

ZEPHYR-DOR... THAT TROUBLE-MAKER...

THIS IS WHY I SUGGESTED WE DIDN'T MEET BEFORE OUR FORMAL DEBUT.

HAH! THE WAY YOU DRIVE ALL THE GUYS AWAY, NO WONDER YOU'RE A VIRGIN!!

S'WHY I OFFERED TO GIVE YOU A PERSONAL "OPENING CEREMONY," YOU UN-GRATEFUL BITCH!

DO YOU WANNA DIE, ZEPHYRDOR?

I DOUBT ANYONE WOULD BLAME ME IF I KILLED YOU RIGHT NOW.

I DIDN'T WANT TO GET INVOLVED IN SUCH A NONSENSICAL SQUABBLE, BUT I'VE GOT NO CHOICE.

THIS IS WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU GATHER TOO MANY HOTHEADS IN ONE PLACE.

...UWAAH! THAT GUY'S GOT A NASTY MOUTH ON HIM.

ISSEI, WATCH HIM CLOSELY.

EH?

HE'S THE NUMBER ONE YOUNG LORD.

!!

SEEKVAIRA.

ZEPHYRDOR.

PIKU (TWITCH)

KEEP THIS UP, AND YOU'LL BE FIGHTING ME.

HUUH?

YOU DIS-GRACE TO THE BAEL NAME!

GA (WHAM)

BAKIN (KAPOW)

YOU HAD FAIR WARNING.

HEYA, HYOUDOU.

OH, SOHNA.

WHAT A DISPLAY.

UWAH...

SO COOL...

WOW... NOT A TRACE OF HUMILITY LEFT, HUH?

YOU'RE LOOKING A LITTLE BEWILDERED, THIS BEING YOUR FIRST TIME IN HIGH SOCIETY AND ALL, SO LEMME EXPLAIN.

HM? OH, SAJI.

FINALLY, THERE'S DIODORA OF THE ASTAROTH FAMILY. THE CURRENT BEELZEBUB-SAMA IS HIS KIN.

SAIRAORG IS HEIR TO THE BAEL FAMILY, WHICH IS GRAND KING LEVEL.

SHE'S SEEKVAIRA, NEXT IN LINE TO THE ARCHDUKE-LEVEL AGARES FAMILY.

YOU MEAN ZEPHYRDOR GLASYA-LABOLAS? HE'S IN THE HOUSE THAT THE CURRENT ASMODEUS-SAMA IS FROM.

SOO... AGARES, BAEL, ASTAROTH... AND WHAT FAMILY'S THAT ROUGH GUY FROM?

AH, THANKS, COUNCIL PRESIDENT.

THE PREVIOUS HEIR TO THE GLASYA-LABOLAS FAMILY PERISHED IN AN UNFORTUNATE ACCIDENT A FEW DAYS AGO.

ZEPHYRDOR IS THE NEXT IN LINE TO TAKE OVER THE FAMILY.

*LET'S SEE... AMONG THESE YOUNG DEVIL LORDS... GREMORY'S GOT LUCIFER, SITRI'S GOT LEVIATHAN, ASTAROTH'S GOT BEELZEBUB, GLASYA-LABOLAS HAS GOT ASMODEUS...PLUS THE ARCHDUKE AGARES FAMILY AND THE GRAND KING BAEL FAMILY... THOSE SIX?*

*WHAT'S WITH THIS ALL-STAR LINEUP...?*

LUCIFER
LEVIATHAN
BEELZEBUB
ASMODEUS
GREMORY
SITRI
ASTAROTH
GLASYA-LABOLAS
AGARES
BAEL

WHAT'RE YOU SAYING?

COME ON, SAJI. THIS IS A MEETING OF HIGH-CLASS DEVILS, AND THEY ALL LOOK STRONG. WHO WOULDN'T BE NERVOUS?

HEY, HYOUDOU, COMPOSE YOURSELF. YOU LOOK LIKE AN ABSOLUTE MORON.

AHHHHHH!

EVEN WE PEERAGE DEVILS HAVE TO CONDUCT OURSELVES PROPERLY HERE.

WHAT'S THE BIG DEAL, SAJI...?

COME ON, GET IT TOGETHER!

Y-YEAH, I GOT IT. CALM DOWN, MAN.

UGH...

BISHI! (POINT)

*HAVE SOME DAMN SELF-AWARENESS. DON'T FORGET, YOU'RE THE GREMORY PEERAGE'S RED DRAGON EMPEROR.*

*THOSE OTHER DEVILS ARE GONNA BE LOOKING AT OUR MASTERS AND THEIR SERVANTS, WHICH MEANS US. YOU DON'T WANNA EMBARRASS RIAS-SENPAI, DO YOU?*

THANK YOU FOR WAITING PATIENTLY. THIS WAY, PLEASE, YOUNG LORDS.

WH—

WHAT IS IT!?

GUI (TUG)

OHHH.

GOTCHA.

RIAS-SENPAI IS PROUD TO HAVE YOU IN HER PEERAGE.

...AND I WANT TO MAKE THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT PROUD TO HAVE ME IN HERS.

WELL MET, ONE AND ALL. WE ARE HERE TO EVALUATE THE NOBLE LEADERS OF THE NEXT GENERATION.

GETTING STRAIGHT TO BUSINESS...

THE SIX OF YOU REPRESENT THE NEXT GENERATION OF YOUR ESTEEMED FAMILIES AND POSSESS OUTSTANDING SKILLS AND POWER.

AS SUCH, I AIM TO HAVE YOU COMPETE IN THE HOPES OF BETTERING ONE ANOTHER BEFORE YOUR FORMAL DEBUT.

BY INVITING LEADERS FROM THE FALLEN ANGELS AND HEAVEN TO WATCH, WE CAN TURN THESE RATING GAMES INTO A BRIDGE-BUILDING SPECTACLE.

I'M ENVISIONING SOMETHING OF AN EXHIBITION.

RATING GAMES AMONG THE YOUNG LORDS, THEN?

I CAN'T SAY JUST YET, BUT I WOULD LIKE TO KEEP YOU YOUNG ONES OUT OF THE FIGHT FOR AS LONG AS POSSIBLE.

WILL WE BE JOINING THE BATTLE AGAINST THE KHAOS BRIGADE AS WELL?

IT WILL BE AN IMPORTANT FIRST STEP TOWARD THE THREE POWERS JOINING TOGETHER TO OPPOSE ANY EXTERNAL THREATS.

I RESPECT YOUR COURAGE, BUT SHOULD ANY OF YOU RISING STARS PERISH, IT WOULD REPRESENT IMMEASURABLE LOSS TO THE DEVIL WORLD. IN THAT SENSE, YOU'RE VALUABLE RESOURCES THAT MUST BE PROTECTED.

...UNDER-STOOD.

WHY IS THAT? WE MAY BE YOUNG, BUT WE'RE AT LEAST AS SKILLED AS ANY OTHER DEVILS. WE CAN FIGHT.

I DREAM OF BECOMING A DEVIL KING.

NOW, I'D LIKE EACH OF YOU TO STATE YOUR GOALS.

HE'S SO CONFIDENT ...

ONCE THE PEOPLE OF OUR REALM SEE THAT I'M THE ONLY WORTHY CANDIDATE, IT WILL HAPPEN.

OHH...

NO GRAND KING LEVEL FAMILY HAS EVER PRODUCED A DEVIL KING.

HMPH.

YOUR TURN NOW, SOHNA-CHAN! ☆

THAT'S OUR RIAS-CHAN! ☆

MY GOALS FOR THE NEAR FUTURE ARE TO CONTINUE LIVING AS HEIR TO THE GREMORY FAMILY WHILE WINNING EACH OF THE RANKS OF THE RATING GAME TOURNAMENTS.

THERE ARE ALREADY FACILITIES WHERE ONE CAN LEARN ABOUT RATING GAMES.

I WISH TO ESTABLISH A RATING GAME SCHOOL IN THE DEVIL REALM.

BUT THOSE PLACES ONLY ADMIT ARISTOCRATS AND OTHER SMALL, PRIVILEGED SEGMENTS OF THE POPULATION.

OHH...

MM-HM. MM-HM.

WHAT I HAVE IN MIND IS A SCHOOL WITHOUT BARRIERS, WHERE LOW-CLASS DEVILS AND THOSE REBORN AS DEVILS CAN LEARN.

GOOD THING WE ARRANGED THIS FACE-TO-FACE BEFORE THE FORMAL DEBUT.

FOR THE SITRI HEIR TO SPEAK OF SUCH A RIDICULOUS DREAM...

SHE'S NOTHING MORE THAN A DAY-DREAMING LITTLE GIRL!

HA HA HA! HA! HA!

IMPOS-SIBLE.

WHAT NON-SENSE!

PEERAGE WAITING ROOM

HA! HA! HA! HA! HA! HA!

IT'S THOSE OLD-TIMERS MOCKING THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S DREAM.

HUH? WHAT'RE THEY LAUGHING ABOUT IN THERE...?

SHE GOT THE SAME REACTION THE LAST TIME SHE BROUGHT UP STARTING A SCHOOL FOR EVERYONE.

WHY'RE THEY MAKING FUN OF HER FOR THAT? SOUNDS LIKE A PRETTY GREAT DREAM TO ME...

DEVIL SOCIETY MAY HAVE COME A LONG WAY, BUT DISCRIMINATION BETWEEN HIGH-CLASS, LOW-CLASS, AND REBORN DEVILS IS STILL A FACT OF LIFE.

BUT THE PRESIDENT'S WHOLE HOUSEHOLD GAVE US A REAL WARM WELCOME, DIDN'T THEY?

...BUT REMEMBER RISER PHOENIX?

THE GREMORY FAMILY IS KNOWN FOR ITS WARMTH AND KINDNESS. THEY DON'T THINK THEY'RE BETTER THAN LOW-CLASS DEVILS OR EVEN HUMANS.

...YEP. HE DEFINITELY LOOKED DOWN ON ME FOR BEING A LOW-CLASS SERVANT. SO THAT'S NORMAL AROUND HERE...?

I CAN'T KEEP QUIET ANY LONGER! TIME TO SAY SOMETHING TO THOSE BASTARDS!

BA (BAM)

KNOW YOUR PLACE, SAJI.

VICE PRESIDENT! WHY? THEY'RE MAKING FUN OF THE PRESIDENT AND OUR DREAM!!

ENOUGH OF THAT. THIS ISN'T THE PLACE FOR THAT SORT OF BEHAVIOR.

...

THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT IS HERE TO STATE HER GOAL FOR THE FUTURE. THAT'S ALL.

I'M QUITE SERIOUS.

BUCHI (SNAP)

OUR SOCIETY MAY BE IN A PERIOD OF REFORM, BUT IT SIMPLY WON'T DO TO EDUCATE THE RABBLE, AS YOU SUGGEST.

SOHNA SITRI-DONO, IF A LOW-CLASS OR REBORN DEVIL HAS THE APTITUDE TO PARTICIPATE IN A GAME, IT IS HIS OR HER MASTER'S ROLE TO RECOGNIZE THAT TALENT.

OH YEAH? WELL, WHAT IF MY LITTLE SOHNA-CHAN WINS A BUNCH OF GAMES? WHAT THEN!?

TEAMS THAT PROVE THEMSELVES IN THE GAMES GET ALL SORTS OF REQUESTS GRANTED!

BIAN (WHAM)

I'VE ONLY GOT SO MUCH PATIENCE THOUGH. KEEP IT UP, AND I'LL HAVE TO DO SOME BULLYING OF MY OWN.

LOOKS TO ME LIKE YOU OLD GEEZERS ARE JUST HERE TO BULLY SOHNA-CHAN.

NO, THIS IS THE PERFECT CHANCE FOR A GAME BETWEEN YOUNG LORDS.

HMPH!

SHIIIN (SILENCE)

RIAS, SOHNA...

...WHY DON'T YOU TWO FACE EACH OTHER?

HIGHSCHOOL
DXD

HIGH SCHOOL
DXD

# LIFE.55: PARADISE!? THE KNOCKOUT "SANDWICH"!

SO I HEAR YOU GUYS'RE GONNA BE FACING SITRI IN YOUR GAME?

THE GREMORY ESTATE BOASTS SOME OF THE BEST HOT SPRINGS IN THE DEVIL REALM.

WOW, THIS LOOKS MORE LIKE A LAKE THAN A BATH...

WELL, GET WITH THE PROGRAM 'COS YOU'VE ONLY GOT TWENTY DAYS.

YOU, ESPECIALLY, HAVE A STAMINA PROBLEM, SO PREPARE YOURSELF FOR A SPECIAL TRAINING REGIMEN I'VE COOKED UP.

ZAPA (SPLASH)

LOOKS LIKE IT. THE IDEA OF FIGHTING THE STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT, SAJI, AND THOSE GUYS THOUGH... STILL DOESN'T FEEL REAL.

HUH ...!?

...ASSUMING YOU SURVIVE. ♪

I'M YOUR MAN, THEN. YOU WILL GET STRONGER, NO DOUBT...

YEAH, I REALIZED THAT DURING MY FIGHT AGAINST VARY...I'LL DO WHATEVER IT TAKES TO CLOSE THAT GAP, EVEN IF ONLY A LITTLE!

RIGHT.

IT'S SWORDS-MANSHIP TRAINING FOR YOU, KIBA.

I'VE ALSO GOT SPECIAL PLANS FOR EACH OF YOUR TEAMMATES, STARTING TOMORROW.

WHAT'RE YOU DOING, MAN?

GASPARD-KUN? OVER THERE...

SPEAKING OF TEAMMATES, WHERE'S GASPARD?

NO NEED TO HOLD BACK AMONG FELLOW DUDES. GET OVER HERE.

GASHI (GRAB)

KYAAH!

I-I'LL GO IN LATER...

WHY NOT JOIN US?

DOKI (BADUM)

U-UM... PLEASE DON'T LOOK AT ME.

W-WELL, YOU'RE ALWAYS CROSSDRESS-ING, SO...I GOT THE WRONG IDEA FOR A SECOND THERE...!

KYAAAAAH!

SHADDUP! YOU'RE THE ONE WRAPPING YOUR TOWEL UP TO YOUR CHEST LIKE A GIRL!

NOOO! YOU'RE SUCH A PERVERT, ISSEI-SENPAI!!!

...H-HOW AWFUL... HAVE YOU BEEN LOOKING AT ME WITH THOSE EYES THIS WHOLE TIME, ISSEI-SENPAI...?

I'M FEELING THREAT-ENED BY THAT GAZE OF YOURS!

GAKU

HUH !?

(GAKU (TREMBLE))

NOOOOO!

OH DEAR!

Y-YOU GOT THE WRONG IDEA!

HUH, PRESI-DENT!?

WAAAH!

YOU'D BETTER NOT BE TEASING GASPARD, ISSEI.

...HAVE YOU FONDLED RIAS'S CHEST YET?

ZAPA (SPLASH)

YUP, WITH THIS RIGHT HAND O' MINE!

BY THE WAY, ISSEI...

VMMM...

BUKU

BUKU (BUBBLE)

S-SQUISH...? PRESSING INTO...!?

HMPH...REALLY? LISTEN UP. YOU GOTTA REALLY SQUISH YOUR FINGER IN THERE SO YOU'RE ACTUALLY PRESSING INTO HER BOOB. IT'S THE GREATEST.

...N-NO, NOT YET.

GOTCHA... WELL, HAVE YOU TWEAKED HER NIPPLES?

ACTUALLY, IN A WAY, THEY ARE. PRESS 'EM, AND YOU'LL HEAR A LOUD SOUND.

NIPPLES AREN'T DOORBELLS, YOU KNOW!!

LIKE THAT.

AHHHH!♡

I THOUGHT THEY WERE JUST GOOD FOR GROPING, SUCKING, AND BURYING YOUR FACE IN...THIS TOO THOUGH...? JUST LIKE A DOORBELL, HUH...?

WHO KNEW THAT BOOBS... AND NIPPLES WORKED THAT WAY ...?

A WOMAN'S CHEST IS IMBUED WITH LIMITLESS POSSIBILITY...

THAT'S WHAT LURED ME INTO FALLING FROM HEAVEN, BUT I'VE NEVER REGRETTED IT!

YOU'VE GOT A WAYS TO GO, I SEE.

BUT GIVE UP, AND IT'S BYE-BYE BOOBS.

YES, SENSEI!!

BUWA (SOB)

SENSEI, I WANNA RING SOME DOORBELLS...

YOU'VE GOT WHAT IT TAKES!

HAVE THEY REALLY...? AND, SURE... BUT YOUR APPROACH SEEMS A LITTLE DIRTY, AKENO...

OH, RIAS, HAVE YOURS GROWN EVEN LARGER? CAN I TOUCH?

MUNI (SQUEEZE)

I HEARD THAT FONDLING THEM MAKES THEM GET BIGGER.

I'M JEALOUS. MINE AREN'T NEARLY AS BIG AS THEIRS...

EEK! ST-STOP IT! XENOVIA-SAAAN!

I GUESS I COULD STRENGTHEN ONE FINGER WITH MY SACRED GEAR AND POKE A HOLE IN THE WALL...

PITA (CLING)

YOU WANNA GET A PEEK?

WH-WHOA. THAT KINDA TALK IS ENOUGH TO STOKE A MAN'S FIRE...

C'MERE. IF YOU'RE A REAL MAN...

WHAT'S A FIRST-CLASS IDEA, THEN?

THAT'S SECOND-CLASS CREEPER TALK.

WHA—!?

BUO (FLING)

...DO IT WITH A BANG!

BASHAAAN (SPLOOSH)

ISSEI?

PUKA (FLOAT)

MY, MY. HOW BOLD.

CRAP... I'M IN FOR IT NOW!

GOPO (BLUB)

ESPECIALLY WITH KONEKO-CHAN. SHE'LL POUND ME!

I'D LIKE TO ENJOY THE HOT SPRINGS WITH YOU, ISSEI-KUN.

A-A-A-A-A-AKENO-SAN!?

GABA (GRAB)

CAUGHT YOU! ♪

ENOUGH, AKENO! GET AWAY FROM MY ISSEI!

NO WAY!

GYU (SQUISH)

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LET ME AT LEAST BURN THESE IMAGES INTO MY BRAIN FIRST...

IS THIS PARADISE...? OH NO... TOO MUCH EXCITEMENT. LOSING... CONSCIOUSNESS...

FURA (WOBBLE)

HUH... KONEKO-CHAN IS STILL DOWN IN THE DUMPS...?

ISSE!?

...NWAH HA HA!

ISSEI-KUN!?

WITH ONLY THE SLIGHTEST OF EARTHLY CONCERNS LEFT, I FAINTED IN PARADISE.

HIGHSCHOOL
DXD

HIGH SCHOOL
DXD

# LIFE.56: A SURPRISING "SENSEI" APPEARS!

FIRST, RIAS.

I'VE GOT PERSONALIZED TRAINING REGIMENS FOR EACH OF YOU HERE.

YOUR NATURAL TALENT, PHYSICALITY, AND MAGIC POWER ARE ALREADY OFF THE CHARTS.

YES. I DON'T EVER WANT TO LOSE AGAIN.

BUT I TAKE IT YOU WANT TO GET STRONGER NOW, RIGHT?

YOUR POWER WILL GROW ENOUGH NATURALLY OVER THE NEXT FEW YEARS TO MAKE YOU AN ULTIMATE-CLASS DEVIL CANDIDATE.

?

...DOESN'T THIS TRAINING SEEM ESPECIALLY INTENSE?

THEN FINISH ALL THAT BY THE DAY OF YOUR GAME.

BASIC TRAINING IS MORE THAN GOOD ENOUGH TO BOOST YOUR POWER, GIVEN YOUR EXCEPTIONAL STATS. THE PROBLEM IS YOUR APTITUDE AS A "KING."

AS A "KING"...

A "KING" NEEDS THE MENTAL ACUITY, GUILE, AND JUDGMENT TO SMASH HIS OR HER WAY PAST ANY CHALLENGE.

YOUR ROLE AS "KING" IS TO THINK ON YOUR FEET AND DRAW OUT YOUR TEAM'S POTENTIAL.

AND THAT'S WHY YOU'RE HAVING ME WATCH RECORDINGS OF OLD GAMES...

BE SURE TO STICK TO YOUR BASIC TRAINING AS WELL.

UNDER-STOOD.

NEXT IS AKENO.

.....YES.

IF YOU'D COMBINED THAT SIDE OF YOU— THE POWER OF LIGHT— WITH YOUR LIGHTNING, THE RESULTING "***HOLY BOLT***" COULD'VE DEFEATED THE ENEMY "QUEEN" WITH EASE.

I SAW THE TAPE OF YOUR FIGHT AGAINST PHOENIX'S TEAM. WHY DIDN'T YOU USE YOUR FALLEN ANGEL POWER?

...

YOU HAVE TO ACCEPT THE BLOOD THAT FLOWS THROUGH YOUR VEINS.

KUSHA (CRINKLE)

***...I NEVER WANT TO RELY ON THAT POWER.***

...

YOU THINK YOU CAN WIN WITHOUT USING ALL YOU HAVE?

IF YOU DON'T ACCEPT IT ALL, YOU'LL BE NOTHING BUT A HINDRANCE IN THE COMING BATTLE.

DON'T DENY YOUR HERITAGE.

KIBA, YOU NEED TO BE ABLE TO MAINTAIN YOUR BALANCE BREAKER LONGER. TO THAT END, YOU'LL BE TRAINING UNDER YOUR SWORDMASTER, RIGHT?

KIBA AND XENOVIA.

XENOVIA, YOU'LL WORK ON MASTERING DURANDAL.

YES. I'LL BE INSTRUCTED FROM SQUARE ONE.

YEP. IT'S A REAL SPECIAL BLADE.

ANOTHER HOLY SWORD?

THEN, YOU'LL LEARN TO WIELD ANOTHER ***HOLY SWORD.***

YOUR BIGGEST PROBLEM IS YOUR SCAREDY-CAT NATURE, SINCE YOUR LINEAGE AND SACRED GEAR PUT YOU AT A GREAT STARTING POINT OTHERWISE.

Y-YESSS!

YOU'RE NEXT, GASPARD.

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BIKU (JOLT)

THE PLAN IS TO MAKE YOU LESS OF A SHUT-IN. AT THE VERY LEAST, YOU GOTTA BE ABLE TO BE AROUND OTHER PEOPLE WITHOUT SLOWING DOWN.

ONCE YOU LEARN TO STAND AGAINST THE ENEMY WITHOUT FEAR, YOU'LL BE A FORMIDABLE FIGHTER.

Y-YES!

ASIA, YOU'LL BE DOING BASIC TRAINING TO IMPROVE YOUR STRENGTH, STAMINA, AND MAGIC.

OKAYYY! I'LL GIVE IT ALL I'VE GOT!

THAT BOX HAS GOTTA BE THE FIRST THING TO GO...

GAKU (SHAKE)

BURU (TREMBLE)

THE TROUBLE IS THAT SHE HAS TO HEAD OUT TO THE FRONT LINES TO HEAL AN ALLY, LEAVING THEM BOTH DEFENSELESS.

BUT I THOUGHT ASIA'S HEALING ABILITY WAS ALREADY CLOSE TO PERFECT?

I'M ALSO EXPECTING THAT YOUR SACRED GEAR'LL GET STRONGER.

YOU'RE SAYING WE COULD GET HEALED EVEN IF WE'RE KINDA FAR AWAY!?

YES. THE TRUE VALUE OF "*TWILIGHT HEALING*" COMES IN EXPANDING ITS AREA OF EFFECT.

SO WHEN YOU SAY HER SACRED GEAR COULD GET STRONGER, YOU MEAN ...

THERE'S ONE ISSUE THOUGH...

IF THAT'S TRUE, THEN ASIA WILL BE AN INCREDIBLE ASSET ON THE BATTLEFIELD.

IN THEORY, YEAH. SHE MIGHT EVEN BE ABLE TO HEAL MULTIPLE TARGETS WITHIN RANGE AT THE SAME TIME.

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

...WHICH IS MORE A PROBLEM WITH ASIA'S PERSONALITY.

RANGED HEALING MIGHT END UP AFFECTING ALLIES AND ENEMIES ALIKE...

SO ASIA'S KINDNESS IS THE PROBLEM...? KINDA IRONIC.

SHE'S TOO KIND. WHEN ASIA SEES A WOUNDED FOE IN THE HEAT OF BATTLE, SHE'LL INEVITABLY FEEL FOR THEM AND END UP HEALING THEM TOO. HER NATURE WILL PREVENT HER FROM PROPERLY DISCRIMINATING.

IT'D WORK LIKE THAT. THINK OF IT AS IF YOU'RE THROWING IT AT THE TARGET, LETTING YOU HEAL WITHOUT EVER TOUCHING THEM.

.....RIGHT.

AT RANGE? LIKE THIS...?

YAAAH

THAT'S WHY I'VE THOUGHT UP ANOTHER POSSIBILITY.

INSTEAD OF HEALING ACROSS A GENERAL AREA, SHE MIGHT MANAGE TO *PINPOINT A TARGET AT RANGE.*

*THAT'D BE AWESOME! YOU'LL BE OUR SUPERSTAR, ASIA!*

THE ADVANCE GUARD COULD FIGHT WHILE RECEIVING SUPPORT AND HEALING FROM THE REAR GUARD. THEN THE MIDDLE GUARD COULD PROTECT THE REAR GUARD WHILE DOING SOME ATTACKING OF THEIR OWN. IT'D BE A SIMPLE YET STRONG FORMATION.

RANGED HEALING WOULD NATURALLY BE WEAKER, BUT BEING ABLE TO HEAL OVER LONG DISTANCES LENDS ITSELF TO MORE COMPLEX STRATEGIES.

O-OKAY! I'LL DO MY BEST!

EXACTLY. ASIA'S ABILITY TO HEAL DEVILS WITH HER SACRED GEAR IS THIS TEAM'S DISTINCT WEAPON OF SORTS. IT ALL DEPENDS ON HER STAMINA.

...YES.

NOW, KONEKO.

...I KNOW.

BUT RIAS'S PEERAGE ALREADY HAS A NUMBER OF MEMBERS BETTER SUITED TO OFFENSE THAN YOU.

I'VE GOT ZERO COMPLAINTS ABOUT YOUR QUALITIES AS A "ROOK," AND THE SAME GOES FOR YOUR OFFENSIVE AND DEFENSIVE PROWESS.

.....!

YOU WON'T IMPROVE UNTIL YOU CAN RELEASE THE POWER YOU'VE SEALED AWAY.

SO, JUST LIKE AKENO, YOU HAVE TO ACCEPT WHO YOU ARE.

THE POWER KONEKO-CHAN'S SEALED AWAY...?

HUH?

BUWA (FWOOM)

OH, HERE WE GO.

LAST UP IS ISSEI.

ZUN (SLAM)

UWAAAH!

D-DRAGON!?

THANKS FOR COMING, TANNIN.

DON'T FORGET, FALLEN ANGEL COMMANDER, I'M ONLY HERE ON SPECIAL REQUEST BY SIRZECHS-DONO.

SURE, SURE, I GOT IT.

ANYWAY, THIS GUY'LL BE YOUR TEACHER, ISSEI.

HUUUH!?

IT'S BEEN A WHILE, DDRAIG.

NULL (LOOM)

EEP!?

PAA (FLASH)

AH, THIS REALLY TAKES ME BACK, TANNIN.

Y-YOU KNOW EACH OTHER?

YES... REMEMBER WHEN I TOLD YOU OF THE "FIVE DRAGON KINGS"? TANNIN WAS THE SIXTH.

THE "SIX DRAGON KINGS" BECAME THE "FIVE DRAGON KINGS" WHEN TANNIN WAS REBORN AS A DEVIL.

ZUOOOO (DOOM)

EVEN NOW, AMONG REBORN DEVILS, HE'S ULTIMATE-CLASS.

WOW... SO EVEN DRAGONS CAN TURN INTO DEVILS? ULTIMATE-CLASS THOUGH? THAT MAKES HIM MORE ELITE THAN THE PRESIDENT, EVEN...

"BLAZE METEOR DRAGON TANNIN"...THEY SAY THE FORCE OF HIS FIRE BREATH IS LIKE GETTING HIT BY A METEOR.

A METEOR ...?

WHY NOT JUST HAVE DDRAIG TEACH THE BOY?

THAT CAN ONLY TAKE HIM SO FAR. THEY SAY THAT DRAGON TRAINING MUST—

TANNIN, I NEED YOU TO TEACH THIS KID HOW TO WIELD HIS DRAGON POWER.

HUUUH!? I'M GONNA BE TORMENTED BY A LEGENDARY DRAGON? HOW'S THAT NOT GONNA JUST KILL ME? WHAT THE HELL!?

I SEE... SO YOU WANT ME TO TORMENT THE BOY A BIT?

DRAGON TRAINING MUST COME THROUGH EXPERI-ENCE, YES.

JUST DON'T KILL HIM, THEN? LEAVE IT TO ME.

YOU'LL HAVE TO HOLD BACK. MY CURRENT WIELDER IS UNIMAGIN-ABLY WEAK.

GAKU (SLUMP)

UGH...

DO WHATEVER IT TAKES NOT TO DIE, ISSEI.

GU (PWIP)

IN HUMAN REALM TIME, YOU'VE GOT ABOUT TWENTY DAYS. MAKE SURE YOUR BALANCE BREAKER'S UP TO SNUFF BY THEN.

I DON'T THINK THIS OLD DRAGON DUDE GETS IT! I'M GONNA BE KILLED!

KUHI KUHI KUHI KUHI

NOTHING GREAT ABOUT IT, PRESI-DENT!

YES!

WE'VE ALL GOT OUR TRAINING REGIMENS TO WORK ON! GREAT!

LADY RIAS, MIGHT WE BORROW THAT MOUNTAIN FOR HIS TRAINING?

OF COURSE. I'M COUNTING ON YOU TO TOUGHEN HIM UP. ♪

FOR REAL? THAT MOUNTAIN'S GONNA BE MY GRAVE!

DO YOUR BEST, ISSEI!

OH RIGHT...THE PRESIDENT DOESN'T COMPROMISE ONE BIT WHEN IT COMES TO TRAINING...

WE'RE OFF, THEN.

PRESIDENNNNT!

BA GWOOSH

GRANDPA, UP IN HEAVEN— I TRULY AM IN HELL. I WISH I COULD JOIN YOU UP THERE, BUT I'M SO VERY FAR AWAY.

YOU CAN DO IT!

HIGHSCHOOL
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HIGH SCHOOL
DXD

# LIFE.57: THE HELLISH TRAINING CONTINUES!

WHOOOOOA!!!

DO (WOOM)

DO (BAM)

HFF!

HFF!

HFF!

HFF!

DURING MY DAYS OF HELLISH TRAINING WITH TANNIN...

...MY ONLY ESCAPE WAS IN MY FANTASIES.

GO (SMASH)

あぁ GYAAAH!

AT FIRST, I COULD ONLY RUN FOR MY LIFE, BUT NOW I MANAGE TO DAYDREAM WHILE RUNNING.

I'D SAY YOU'RE EVEN STRONGER THAN THAT VARY BASTARD!!

IMPOSSIBLE! EVEN IF I PUNCHED YOU, I'D JUST BREAK MY HAND!

OH. THERE YOU ARE.

THEY DO SAY MY POWER'S ON PAR WITH THE DEVIL KINGS'.

YOU WON'T GET ANYWHERE BY ONLY PRACTICING YOUR FLEEING. TRY HITTING BACK.

ZUN- (STOMP)

KOSO (SNEAK)

!

HA-HA-HA! IN OUR FEW DAYS APART, YOU'VE TOUGHENED UP.

SEE! YOU'RE TOTALLY A MONSTER!

DON'T BE MAD THOUGH. I'VE BROUGHT RATIONS.

TCH... YOU'VE GOT ENERGY, AT LEAST.

THAT OLD DRAGON'S STRONG AS HELL! THERE'S NO WAY I'LL BE ABLE TO UNLOCK MY TRUE POWER LIKE THIS!

YOU GOTTA BE JOKING, SENSEI! I'M DYING OUT HERE!!

HANDMADE RICE BALLS FROM THE PRESIDENT!?

TO ISSEI,

EAT UP AND DO YOUR BEST! ♥

—RIAS

YOU'VE ALSO GOT LUNCH BOXES FROM AKENO AND ASIA. BE SURE TO EAT EVERYTHING.

THE THREE OF 'EM WERE AT ONE ANOTHER'S THROATS AS THEY COOKED FOR YOU.

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YAYYY!

ALL I'VE HAD OUT HERE IS WEIRD DEVIL REALM FISH AND NUTS, SO THIS IS AMAZING!

SO GOOD! SO FREAKING GOOOOOOD!

AND IT'S NOT LIKE OLD TANNIN WAS TAKING IT EASY ON ME!

IT WAS TOUGH, I'M TELLING YOU! I'VE HAD TO SURVIVE ON THIS BARREN MOUNTAIN WITH A DRAGON AT THE DEVIL KING LEVEL!

YOU DON'T GOTTA CRY ABOUT IT.

EASY FOR YOU TO SAY...

IF YOU WANT THE PAIN TO STOP, THEN HURRY UP AND ACHIEVE THAT BALANCE BREAKER.

FOOL. YOU WOULD BE REDUCED TO ASH THE MOMENT I GOT SERIOUS.

YEAH, I GET THAT I'M REAL LUCKY TO SERVE SUCH A KIND, BEAUTIFUL MASTER WITH REALLY BIG BOOBS, BUT...

KNOW THAT THERE ARE COUNTLESS DEVILS WHO WOULD KILL TO SERVE LADY RIAS.

AND YOU AIM TO CLAIM THE TITLE OF "LADY RIAS'S STRONGEST PAWN"...?

IF YOU CAN'T SURVIVE THIS, THERE'S NO WAY YOUR BODY'LL COPE WITH YOUR BALANCE BREAKER.

...AT THIS RATE, I'M GONNA DIE BEFORE EVER SEEING THE PRESIDENT AGAIN.

HAHH...

YOUR MAGIC POWER'LL NEVER MEASURE UP TO VARY'S IN A MILLION YEARS, SO YOUR STAMINA'S ALL YOU'VE GOT TO GO ON.

THERE'S TOO MUCH YOU'RE STILL LACKING.

SPEAKING OF, HE'S STILL TRYING TO ACHIEVE THAT, UH...WHAT'S IT CALLED AGAIN?

EVEN THEN, THERE'S NO GUARANTEE YOU'LL BEAT HIM.

NO. BALANCE BREAKER IS THE ULTIMATE MANIFESTATION OF A SACRED GEAR—THERE'S NOTHING STRONGER. BUT SACRED GEARS WITH MAGICAL BEINGS SEALED WITHIN HAVE UNIQUE CHECKS AND SUPPRESSORS BUILT IN.

"JUGGERNAUT DRIVE," YES.

AND THAT'S EVEN STRONGER THAN A BALANCE BREAKER?

SO HIS "DIVINE DIVIDING" IS ONE OF THOSE?

YOUR "BOOSTED GEAR" TOO...

ORDINARILY, THE FULL EXTENT OF YOUR STRENGTH IS SUPPRESSED, BUT "JUGGERNAUT DRIVE" WORKS BY FORCIBLY REMOVING THAT SEAL AND UNLEASHING THE POWER.

IT EATS AWAY AT YOUR LIFE FORCE, AND YOU LOSE ALL SENSE AND REASON.

RISK?

IT'S A MOVE THAT'LL TEMPORARILY GIVE YOU GODLIKE POWER, BUT AT GREAT RISK TO YOURSELF.

YEAH... THE USER DESTROYS EVERYTHING AROUND THEM AND ONLY STOPS WHEN THEY'VE BASICALLY SELF-DESTRUCTED. CONTROLLING THAT POWER SHOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE, BUT...

... THEORETICALLY, VARY'S ENORMOUS STORES OF MAGIC MIGHT LET HIM MAINTAIN THE FORM FOR A FEW MINUTES.

SO IT'S LIKE GOING BERSERK?

HMM?

BUT GIVEN HOW PANICKED ALBION SEEMED, I'M GUESSING IT'S STILL A DANGEROUS MOVE.

IT'S A CURSED POWER, AVAILABLE ONLY TO THOSE WILLING TO SACRIFICE EVERYTHING.

I WON'T HAVE YOU FOLLOWING IN VARY'S FOOTSTEPS.

IN EVERY BATTLE BETWEEN THE TWO EMPERORS, THE ONE WHO ACHIEVES "JUGGERNAUT DRIVE" FIRST ALWAYS WINS.

THE CURRENT WHITE DRAGON EMPEROR CAN USE "JUGGERNAUT DRIVE"?

YOU'RE DEAD MEAT AS YOU ARE NOW, BOY.

*HUH...!? EARLY BIRD GETS THE WORM, Y'MEAN!?*

ISSEI.

I GOTTA ASK YOU SOMETHING.

CURSED POWER? I SHOULD BE FINE AS LONG AS I HAVE AKENO-SAN.

HER FALLEN ANGEL POWER SEEMS TO COUNTERACT CURSES SOMEHOW...

NO. I MEAN AS A WOMAN.

HUH?

WHAT DO YOU THINK OF AKENO?

I MEAN, SHE'S A GREAT SENPAI AND ALL...

I SEE.

HEH HEH!

SHE'S ONE OF MY TOP GIRLFRIEND CANDI-DATES!

BA (WHAP)

I DIDN'T EXPECT YOU TO BE SO INVESTED IN THIS, SENSEI. Y'KNOW, COMING ALL THE WAY HERE DURING TRAINING FOR LITTLE TALKS LIKE THIS...

I WAS JUST BORED.

HER FATHER, BARAQUIEL, AND I GO WAY BACK...

...WHICH IS WHY I'M LOOKING OUT FOR HER.

LEAVE HER TO ME...? I THINK I'M MISSING SOMETHING HERE...

YOU MAY BE AN IDIOT, BUT YOU'RE NOT A BAD GUY.

ANYWAY, I'M THINKING I CAN LEAVE AKENO TO YOU.

*IS HE PRAISING ME...?*

IN A SENSE, THIS TALENT OF YOURS GIVES YOU CERTAIN PRIVILEGES.

RATHER, YOU'RE THE TYPE TO SLOWLY EARN PEOPLE'S TRUST AND FORM REAL RELATIONSHIPS. IN THE END, NOBODY CAN MANAGE TO HATE YOU.

YOU'RE NOT CUT OUT FOR ACTUAL SEDUCTION. IT'D BE A BLOODBATH.

BAAAAAN (BAM)

*WELL, I DON'T REALLY FOLLOW, BUT I'LL DEFINITELY PROTECT AKENO-SAN!*

*THAT WAS ALWAYS THE PLAN, WHETHER YOU ASKED ME OR NOT!*

WHAT'S WRONG WITH KONEKO-CHAN?

GOOD. THE REAL PROBLEM MIGHT BE KONEKO THOUGH...

SH-SHE COLLAPSED !?

THIS MORNING, SHE COLLAPSED FROM EXHAUSTION.

BAAAAAAN (BAM)

SHE WAS HAVING DOUBTS ABOUT HER STRENGTH AND ENDED UP GOING OVERBOARD WITH THE TRAINING.

ASIA CAN TEND TO HER WOUNDS, BUT SHE CAN'T DO ANYTHING ABOUT THE FATIGUE. RATHER THAN MAKING IT STRONGER, OVERWORKING THE BODY LIKE THAT ACTUALLY ENDS UP HURTING IT.

BUT THAT'S A LOSS OF TIME SHE CAN'T AFFORD WITH THIS GAME COMING UP.

AS LONG AS SHE TAKES IT EASY FOR A WHILE, SHE SHOULD RECOVER JUST FINE.

SO IS KONEKO-CHAN GONNA BE OKAY?

I WROTE UP HER TRAINING REGIMEN TO MAKE SURE THIS WOULDN'T HAPPEN, BUT...

...THAT IDIOT WENT ABOVE AND BEYOND AND ENDED UP PUSHING HER BODY TOO FAR.

AHI

HUH?

KONEKO-CHAN HAS BEEN ACTING WEIRD LATELY...

I'VE GOTTA RUN AWAY FROM THIS DRAGON EVERY DAY JUST TO SURVIVE!!

NO MATTER HOW YOU LOOK AT IT, IT'S INHUMANE!!

UM... DON'CHA THINK I'M OVERDOING IT TOO...!?

HUH? NAH, YOU'RE FINE. IN FACT, YOU NEED TO PICK UP THE PACE.

THIS FEELS A LOT LIKE DISCRIMINA-TION!!

WHAT!? YOU'RE LEAVING ALREADY?

WHAT ABOUT MY TRAINING? YOU DIDN'T SERIOUSLY COME JUST TO DELIVER MY LUNCH!?

Booo!

Booo!

WELL, BETTER BE OFF.

HUH? WHERE?

I WAS TOLD TO BRING YOU TO THE GREMORY ESTATE'S ANNEX.

WHAT'RE YOU TALKING ABOUT? YOU'RE COMING TOO.

SURE. I'LL HEAD HOME FOR NOW, THEN.

JUST GONNA BORROW HIM FOR A LITTLE WHILE, TANNIN.

DID THE PRESIDENT ASK YOU TO BRING ME?

NOPE. THE ONE WHO ASKED FOR YOU...

...WAS RIAS'S MOTHER.

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# LIFE.58: OVERCOME THAT HURDLE! I...WANNA GET STRONGER!!

ONCE MORE FROM THE TOP, ISSEI-SAN.

WHAT IS IT?

UH, UMM...

...D— DANCE LESSONS?

HERO (FLOP)

3

HERO

...THREE, AND TURN.

3

KURU (SPIN)

...TAKING...

TWO.

SA CTURN

...THE ONLY ONE...

ONE.

WHY AM I...

...SORRY.

ZEE

ZEE

ZEE (WHEEZE)

YOU CAN'T SEEM TO FOCUS, SO LET'S TAKE A BREAK.

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HAAH...

A SERVANT LIKE ME? IN HIGH SOCIETY WITH THE PRESIDENT!?

...FORGIVE ME. MY TONGUE SLIPPED.

SOONER OR LATER, YOU'LL HAVE TO APPEAR IN HIGH SOCIETY AT RIAS'S SIDE.

TO THAT END, YOU MUST LEARN A BIT OF ETIQUETTE.

...OH.

AHEM.

I SIMPLY MEAN TO SAY THAT SUCH AN OCCASION COULD ARISE.

FURTHERMORE, YOU MUST STOP CALLING HER "THE PRESIDENT."

THIS IS NOT YOUR SCHOOL, SO WHILE HERE, YOU WILL ADDRESS YOUR MASTER BY HER NAME.

...THINK ON THE MATTER A BIT HARDER. IF THAT'S THE BEST YOU CAN COME UP WITH, I'M AFRAID RIAS WILL RESENT YOU.

AT PUBLIC FUNCTIONS, THAT WILL SUFFICE. HOWEVER...

HUH!?

I'M JUST SO USED TO CALLING HER "THE PRESIDENT." BUT OKAY..... SO "RIAS-SAMA," THEN?

OH NO!

RESENT ME?

OH, BY THE WAY, HOW'S KONEKO-CHAN FEELING?

OKAY...

I NOTICED SHE WAS ACTING WEIRD BEFORE WE CAME HERE, SO I'VE BEEN WORRIED.

A DAY OR TWO OF REST SHOULD BE ALL IT TAKES FOR HER BODY TO RECOVER.

HOW-EVER...

FU-FU... I REALIZE THIS IS ALL A BIT SUDDEN, BUT MAKE SURE TO DECIDE HOW YOU'LL ADDRESS HER AT SOME POINT.

IDENTITY AND POWER ...?

...SHE IS LOCKED IN A DESPERATE STRUGGLE WITH HER OWN IDENTITY AND POWER.

HERS IS QUITE THE DILEMMA, BUT ONE FOR WHICH SHE MUST DISCOVER THE ANSWER HERSELF BEFORE MOVING ON.

SO YOU WEREN'T AWARE.....

...I SUPPOSE I SHOULD EXPLAIN.

*THERE WAS ONCE A PAIR OF NEKOMATA.*

*THESE TWO SISTERS HAD NEITHER KIN NOR A PLACE TO CALL HOME.*

*THEY DID EVERYTHING TOGETHER, RELYING WHOLE-HEARTEDLY ON EACH OTHER TO MAKE IT IN THE WORLD.*

FOR YOU SEE, NEKOMATA ARE FUNDAMENTALLY CAPABLE OF TERRIBLE BLACK MAGIC, AND THAT SLUMBERING POTENTIAL AWOKE IN HER WHEN SHE WAS REBORN AS A DEVIL.

ONE DAY, THEY WERE TAKEN IN BY A DEVIL. THE ELDER SISTER FOUND A PLACE IN HIS PEERAGE AND BEGAN TO MAKE A LIFE FOR HERSELF.

A STRANGE CHANGE SOON OCCURRED IN HER THOUGH.

SHE QUICKLY SURPASSED HER MASTER AND BECAME DRUNK WITH POWER, TRANSFORMING INTO A WICKED, BLOODTHIRSTY BEING WHO SOUGHT ONLY BATTLE.

THE ELDER SISTER COULD NOT RESTRAIN THIS EXPLOSION OF POWER, AND SHE ENDED UP SLAYING HER MASTER. SHE BECAME A DANGEROUS "STRAY" WHO REVELED IN SLAUGHTER.

THEY FEARED SHE MIGHT ALSO GO ON SUCH A RAMPAGE SOONER OR LATER AND SOUGHT TO DESTROY HER BEFORE THEN.

THE DEVILS CAME AFTER THE YOUNGER SISTER.

THE LITTLE CAT HAD LOST THE WILL TO LIVE, SO SIRZECHS PUT HER INTO RIAS'S CUSTODY.

HER SPIRIT WAS CRUSHED BY HER SISTER'S BETRAYAL AND THE DEVILS' THREATS, BUT IT WAS SIRZECHS WHO GRANTED HER PROTECTION.

UNDER RIAS, SHE BEGAN TO FEEL AGAIN, AND RIAS GAVE THE YOUNGER NEKOMATA A NEW NAME—

"KONEKO."

THEY'RE TOP-CLASS MONSTERS CAPABLE OF BLACK MAGIC AND OTHER SUCH WIZARDRY.

YES. SHE IS ONE OF THE LAST REMNANTS OF THE "NEKOSHOU," THE STRONGEST TYPE OF NEKOMATA.

"KONEKO"? SO THAT STORY WAS ABOUT...

UM...

...I'M KINDA WORRIED ABOUT HER, SO COULD I CHECK IN ON KONEKO-CHAN...?

...

...IF YOU MUST. I SUPPOSE THAT'S PART OF YOUR CHARM.

TH-THANK YOU!

BUT BE SURE TO KEEP PRACTICING WHAT YOU LEARNED TODAY.

Y-YES! HA-HA-HA.....

SO THE PRESIDENT ALSO GETS HER NO-NONSENSE ATTITUDE FROM HER MOM.

GRE-
MORY
PRI-
MARY
RESI-
DENCE

AH,
PRESIDENT!

...THAT
GOOD
OLD ISSEI
SMELL.

GYU
(SQUEEZE)

TA
(TMP)
TA

ISSEI!

Y-YIKES.
I'VE BEEN
SWEATING UP
A STORM...

IT'S
FINE.

THERE'S
NO OTHER
SMELL LIKE
IT. I MISSED
YOU.

SHUN (GLOOM)

IT'S LIKE I COULDN'T EVEN IMAGINE LIFE WITHOUT YOU...WHAT A PATHETIC MASTER I AM...

PRESI-DENT...

WE HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO SHARE A BED SINCE COMING HERE, AND I'VE BEEN MISSING YOUR TOUCH EVERY DAY...

KURU (TURN)

KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK WITH TANNIN ON YOUR MOUNTAIN RETREAT, ISSEI!

...BUT WE'VE GOTTA HANG IN THERE FOR NOW IN ORDER TO GET STRONGER.

GU (CLENCH)

UHH... I CAN'T IMAGINE LIFE WITHOUT YOU EITHER.

GAKU (SLUMP)

Y-YES...

*YUP. JUST LIKE HER MOTHER...*

COME WITH ME.

OH, PRESIDENT, HOW'S KONEKO-CHAN...?

KACHA CCLICK

IN HERE.

...WAIT. NOW'S NOT THE TIME TO BE THINKING THAT!

CAT EARS! SO SHE REALLY IS A NEKOMATA...! TOO CUTE THOUGH...

PIKU (TWITCH)

.....ISSEI-SENPAI.

I'VE GOT THE GIST, I THINK.

ISSEI-KUN, LET ME EXPLAIN.

KORON (ROLL)

...WHY DID YOU COME HERE?

HEY. YOU FEELING BETTER?

I HEARD THE WHOLE STORY, KONEKO-CHAN...ALL OF IT.

...

...WOULD IT BE OKAY IF I SAID I WAS WORRIED?

MUKU (RISE)

...STRON-GER.

HUH? WHAT'S THAT?

I GET THAT I'M IN NO POSITION TO TELL YOU TO TAKE CARE OF YOUR BODY, BUT STILL...

I WANT TO GET STRONGER.

...I'M COMPLETELY USELESS AS I AM NOW.

EVEN AS A "ROOK," I'M... THE WEAKEST ONE HERE...

I HATE BEING SO USELESS...

...

KONEKO-CHAN...

I CAN'T EVEN STAND THE THOUGHT OF IT...

IF I DO...I'LL BECOME LIKE MY SISTER...

I DON'T WANT TO USE THAT POWER...

BUT THE WAY YOU'RE GOING ABOUT THINGS WILL ONLY HURT YOU.

I KNOW WHAT THAT'S LIKE...

FEELING LIKE YOU CAN'T DO ANYTHING MUST BE FRUSTRATING, AND I THINK SHE'S ALSO HURTING 'COS SHE CAN'T REPAY THE ONE WHO SAVED HER LIFE.

...BUT SHE CAME HERE HOPING TO GET STRONGER, SO SHE'S CONFLICTED ABOUT IT.

SHE'S SCARED 'COS SHE KNOWS HOW DANGEROUS THE HIDDEN POWER INSIDE HER IS...

YOU'RE A KIND PERSON...

ISSEI-KUN, PLEASE LEAVE THIS MATTER TO US.

BUT...

I KNOW BECAUSE... I'M THE SAME AS KONEKO-CHAN.

...BUT SOMETIMES IT'S IMPORTANT TO GIVE SOMEONE THE SPACE THEY NEED.

HOWEVER... WE'RE JUST NOT BRAVE ENOUGH YET.

GIVE US A LITTLE MORE TIME, AND I'M SURE WE'LL COME AROUND.

WE CAN'T EXACTLY FEEL GOOD ABOUT WHO WE ARE, BUT WE HAVE TO UNDERSTAND THAT MUCH IN ORDER TO MOVE FORWARD.

DEEP DOWN, BOTH KONEKO-CHAN AND I KNOW THAT.

THEY'RE A LOT ALIKE IN THAT WAY. THESE TWO ARE DENYING THE POWER SLEEPING WITHIN THEM...

AKENO-SAN HATES HER OWN FALLEN ANGEL BLOOD AND THE POTENTIAL IT HOLDS.

OKAY, AKENO-SAN, KONEKO-CHAN.

I'LL KEEP DOING...THE ONLY THING I CAN.

WE'VE EACH GOT OUR OWN BATTLES.

WE'VE EACH GOT HURDLES TO OVER-COME.

SA (BOW)

I'LL CLEAR MY OWN HURDLES AND SHOW THEM!

PAAN (SLAP)

ALL RIGHT! I'M PUMPED!

TO PROTECT MY FRIENDS...

...AND TO SEE WHAT LIES BEYOND.

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# TRANSLATION NOTES

### *COMMON HONORIFICS*

*no honorific*: Indicates familiarity or closeness; if used without permission or reason, addressing someone in this manner would constitute an insult.

*-san*: The Japanese equivalent of Mr./Mrs./Miss. If a situation calls for politeness, this is the fail-safe honorific.

*-sama*: Conveys great respect; may also indicate that the social status of the speaker is lower than that of the addressee.

*-kun*: Used most often when referring to boys, this indicates affection or familiarity. Occasionally used by older men among their peers, but it may also be used by anyone referring to a person of lower standing.

*-chan*: An affectionate honorific indicating familiarity used mostly in reference to girls; also used in reference to cute persons or animals of either gender.

*-senpai*: A suffix used to address upperclassmen or more experienced coworkers.

*-sensei*: A respectful term for teachers, artists, or high-level professionals.

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**Tannin**: Said to symbolize evil and chaos, Tannin is a serpentine or dragon-like sea monster that appears in Hebrew mythology.

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**Nekomata**: Nekomata are vicious split-tailed cats in Japanese folklore that are said to feed on humans. Modern tales of nekomata suggest that they may evolve from house cats that have lived very long lives. According to the legends, once a cat's tail begins to split in two, it has begun its transformation.

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